

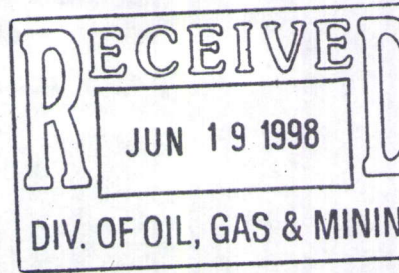
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UTU-71047
(UT-069)

JUN 17 1998

Mr. John Brown
c/o Slickrock Mining
153 East 300 North
Moab, Utah 84532

Re: Request for Release, Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operation, John K. Brown, Windfall/Maybe Mine, UTU-71047 (S/037/010), East Canyon, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Brown:

The State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) has informed us that you requested to be released from future reclamation obligations under the subject Notice. Mr. Tony Gallegos of the DOGM and Ted McDougall of my staff inspected the site on May 7, 1998 for the purpose of considering your request.

As you are aware, from your subsequent conversation with Ted, we cannot release you at this time. Although the re-vegetation and the general site clean-up look very good, there is still the issue of the open portal and a small remaining ore pile on site. We understand that you no longer own the mining claims containing the subject mine site. However, you will remain responsible for reclamation until the work is complete or until the new owner/operator assumes that responsibility through a formal transfer.

Given the current increase in vanadium prices and the circumstances of a third party claimant, we recommend that you contact the new claimant before doing any work. If the new claimant does not want the work done at this time then he/she must file a Notice and agree, in writing, to assume the obligation of closing the portal and removing or grading the ore stockpile.

If you have any questions, please call Ted McDougall at (435) 587-1512.

Sincerely,

Kent E. Walter
Area Manager

cc: Tony Gallegos
State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining